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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/520,033; § 371 Date: December 30, 2004
For: **Transcription Factor Gene Induced by Water Deficit Conditions And
Abscisic Acid From Helianthus Annuus, Promoter and Transgenic
Plants**
Inventors: CHAN *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$525.00 to cover:
\$525.00 - Three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, with Exhibit 1
Exhibit 1: Sessa *et al.*, *J. Mol. Biol.* 274:303-309 (1997);
4. Replacement Drawings - Figures 1, 2, 22 and 23 (3 sheets);
5. Annotated Drawings - Figures 1, 2, 22 and 23 (3 sheets);
6. Executed Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 of Federico Trucco, Ph.D., with
Exhibits A-L:
Exhibit A: *Curriculum Vitae* of Federico Trucco, Ph.D.
Exhibit B: Ingram and Bartels, *Annu. Rev. Plant Physiol. Plant. Mol. Biol.* 47:377-
403 (1996);

- Exhibit C: Shinozaki and Yamaguchi-Shinozaki, *Plant Physiol.* 115:327-334 (1997)
Exhibit D: Liu *et al.*, *The Plant Cell* 10:1391-1406 (1998);
Exhibit E: Nakashima and Yamaguchi-Shinozaki, *JARQ* 39:221-229; (2005);
Exhibit F: Pimentel *et al.*, *BioScience* 47:97-106 (1997);
Exhibit G: Soderman *et al.*, *Plant J.* 10:375-381 (1996);
Exhibit H: Lee and Chun, *Plant Mol. Biol.* 37:377-384 (1998);
Exhibit I: Olsson *et al.*, *Plant Mol. Biol.* 55:663-677 (2004);
Exhibit J: Hjellström *et al.*, *Plant Cell and Environment* 26:1127-1136 (2003);
Exhibit K: Figure 1 - Evaluation of wheat (*Triticum aestivum*) GMO lines B and G; and;
Exhibit L: Figure 2 - Evaluation of maize (*Zea mays*) GMO lines 3, 6, and 7;

7. 13 pages of paper copy of substitute sequence listing;
8. A computer readable copy of the substitute sequence listing; and
9. Return postcard.

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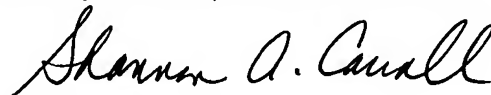
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Respectfully submitted,

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